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TO HEADQUARTERS

DATE 12 DEC 1956

FROM Chief of Station, [REDACTED]

SUBJECT { GENERAL Operations
SPECIFIC [REDACTED] Mission 2029*BUT GAKA 1-1*

1. Mission 2029 was flown by [REDACTED] on 10 December 1956 in [REDACTED]. Special equipment consisted of [REDACTED]. Duration of the flight was six hours and forty five minutes. Take off was as scheduled. No problems were encountered in launching the mission.

2. [REDACTED] and allied equipment operated satisfactorily. Post flight and bench check showed no indication of malfunction. [REDACTED] operated satisfactorily. Negatives are excellent. [REDACTED] reported approximately four eighths cloud cover. [REDACTED] confirms. [REDACTED] is being processed by local group. Windows were dry and clean upon landing.

3. No problems were encountered in the briefing or de-briefing of this mission.

4. Plotting time for this mission was three hours and fifteen minutes. Most of this time was spent over the target area, where the lack of distinguishing terrain features caused the plotter to fall back on the 1/50,000 topographic sheets and plot from road junction to streams. Target points Charlie, Delta, Echo, Fextret and Gulf were clear and well covered. Hotel, India and Juliett were completely overcast. [REDACTED] emerged from the overcast ten miles south of Kile. Kile was under scattered cloud cover, but a great deal of the port was visible. Lima was clear and well covered. Mike was under scattered clouds, but the majority of the airfield is visible. The railway between November and Oscar was completely overcast. The airfields at Papa and Quebec were clear and covered. The mine at Romeo was reported as missed due to flight line. The [REDACTED] was six miles west of course and the planned course was six and one half miles west of the target. Due to the distance error and the fact that the mine is located in mountainous terrain it was felt that this coverage would not be adequate. The railway between Sierra and Tango and the airfield at point Tango were clear and covered. The quality of the [REDACTED] was good.

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5. This mission has done more to help the overall morale of this
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organization since our last operations in July than every other thing tried.

[redacted] recommends that if full scale operations cannot be authorized
that maximum effort be made to give [redacted] a similar mission periodically
to keep the spirit of this organization in prime operational readiness.

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